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WORK TO RULE STRIKE BY CPWD ENGINEERS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Junior Engineers and Assistant Engineers of CPWD ,New Delhi have been on work to rule strike for quite sometime now and they remain absent from their duties;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the term work to rule stand for;

(c) whether these JEs and AEs are entitled to receive salary for the said period; and

(d) if so, the justification thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a): Yes, Sir. A few incidents of some Junior Engineers and Assistant Engineers resorting to agitation during working hours were reported. The agitation has since been withdrawn.

(b): The agitation of the Junior Engineers/Assistant Engineers of Central Public Works Department (CPWD) was for fulfilment of the following demands:-

(i) grant of 2nd financial upgradation under the Assured Career Progression Scheme in the pay scale of Rs. 10000-15200;

(ii) promotion from the grade of Assistant Engineers to Executive Engineers; and

(iii) against the proposed amendment to the existing provisions of Rule 136 of the General Financial Rules, 1963, allowing the Ministries/Departments of the Central Government to entrust public works of higher costs than at present to agency (ies) other than the CPWD without obtaining `no objection certificate` from the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation.

`Work to rule` constitutes a form of `strike` under the provisions of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(c)&(d): The Junior Engineers/Assistant Engineers identified as not having carried out their official duties as part of such agitation are liable to be dealt with in accordance with the relevant rules and Government instructions in this behalf.